

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #20:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

Thanks to you all that asked how I was doing. Bad cold has turned into a bad cough but I'm on the mend!

I'm sending out this newsletter slightly earlier because I'm off to attend a dear friend's wedding (you know who you are!?). Summer is here and love is in the air!

This last week was much more laid back than last week. A quick recap is below:

Pre-Long Beach Auction, Goldberg - June 6-7, 2017 (Los Angeles, CA)

I participated in both days (parts, not all of it thankfully!) of the Goldberg auction and found it to be very strong on hammer prices. The Judaeon section was filled with plenty of First Revolt and Bar Kochba Revolt coinage. Everything seemed to hammer well above the estimate. The levels surprised me somewhat since I felt that in more recent months Judaeon material had become less desirable due to the high number of auctions with such material. With more restrictive measures making exportation of coinage outside of Israel difficult, it naturally has resulted in a seller's market again.

Chicago Coin Club Meeting (June 14, 2017)

I will do a 30 minutes presentation on the coinage of Syracuse from approximately 510 BC through 400 BC. I think it is a nice thing for fellow collectors to share their passion with others in a non-competitive atmosphere. While the Ancient Coin Club of Chicago has been defunct for several years, the Chicago Coin Club picked up some of the former members of the ACC. Topics cover all areas of coinage.

Anyone interested in attending this event or joining the Chicago Coin Club should reach out to Carl Wolf, the president of the club at carlwolfco@msn.com.

Upcoming Auctions:

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the realm of ancient coinage. That said there are a few auctions worth mentioning.

CNG E-Sale 399 (closing June 14, 2017)

CNG has 795 ancient and world coins coming up for auction on June 14. There is always something interesting to find in these e-auctions and they continue to be a good place to find nice material. The auctions happen every two weeks and continue during the summer so it is worth checking it out.

I'm happy to offer my help in securing lots in these auctions. Please just contact me for further details.

Leu Numismatik Web 1 Auction (closing June 18, 2017)

Not to be confused with the great Bank Leu, Leu Numismatik is a new venture from Yves Guzenheimer and two other young men. Mr. Guzenheimer was the former senior numismatist at Nomos AG. This first web auction is an immense sale of 1500 lots and the estimates are extremely low. I'm assuming this is to stimulate interest in the new company. It might be worthwhile to check out the lots. Should anyone be interested in bidding please do let me know. I plan to register to bid.

Naville Numismatics E-Sale (closing June 18, 2017)

The E-sale has 594 Greek, Roman and Byzantine lots. As you might remember, Naville is the sister firm of NAC and offers lower grade coins. In the past months there have been a lot of ex Clain Stefanelli or Dattari collection coins. This auction appears to have more of these coins. Some fascinating coins with pedigrees can be found if you are willing to take the time. I typically bid in these sales for customers so if you are interested in anything just let me know.

Upcoming Trade Shows

Just a reminder that I am exhibiting at the Summer ANA in Denver, Colorado on August 1-6, 2017. My booth number is #930. Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

The coin this week is a fabulous hekte from Phocaea. Along with Lydians, the Phocaeans were among the first to strike coinage. These coins were struck in a metal called electrum, an alloy of gold and silver. It was long believed that electrum was a natural metal found in western Asia Minor. More recently scholars have uncovered that it is more likely that the ancient Greeks mixed the metals deliberately. This was determined because of the inconsistent percentages of gold or silver in the coins.

These little coins from the cities along the Ionian coastline were struck with various images, mostly with mythological representations and with symbols representing those cities (in this case the badge of Phokaia was the seal).

Ionia, Phokaia c. 478-437 BC. EL Hekte, 2.55g (11mm). Bearded head of Zeus Ammon wearing ram's horn to left; behind, seal swimming downwards to left / Quadripartite incuse square.

Pedigree: Ex Roma X, 27 September 2015, lot 419

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Grade: Good EF. Extremely Rare. Apparently only the fourth example known.

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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Until next week!

Shanna



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